

BROOKE, NOBLE JOHN, 1836-1922.

Noble John Brooke papers, 1861-1864

Emory University
Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library
Atlanta, GA 30322
404-727-6887
rose.library@emory.edu

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Brooke, Noble John, 1836-1922.
Title: Noble John Brooke papers, 1861-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 334
Extent: 1 bound volume (BV)
Abstract: Diary and letters of Georgia Confederate soldier John Noble Brook who served in the Cobb's Legion of Cavalry.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.

Source

Gift, n.d.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Noble John Brooke papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Noble John Brooke (April 10, 1836-June 5, 1922), Private, Company E., Cobb's Georgia Legion of Cavalry, C.S.A. Later he was Captain in Captain Ed Ford's Militia Company, Baker's Regiment. Detained to work in iron works in Bartow County, Georgia. Surrendered at Kingston, Georgia., May 17, 1865.

Emory Libraries provides copies of its finding aids for use only in research and private study. Copies supplied may not be copied for others or otherwise distributed without prior consent of the holding repository.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Noble John Brooke from 1861-1864. The papers include a bound volume containing a 23-page typescript of a diary and 10 letters. The first entry on March 31, 1864 in South Carolina. He traveled from Anderson to Laurens, to Union, to Gordonville (April 10) to Charlotte, North Carolina Then to Salisbury, North Carolina, Lexington, Thomasville, Jamestown, Greensboro, Hillsboro, and Oakhill to Clarksville, Va. (April 24). From there he went to Christianville, (April 27), then to Keysville, Burksvill, Amelia C. H., Powhatan and Richmond. Va. (May 1). From there he went to Hanover Junction, Milford Station, Guinea station, Bethesda Church, Spotsylvania (May 7). Here he was in considerable fighting. On May 17, he crossed the Rapidan and on the 18th the Rappahannock moving towards Frederickburg. On May 28 Pass Ashland and on 29th skirmish at Hanover C. H. The foregoing is a sample of the kind of entries contained in the diary. Brooke also comments on food, the treatment of soldiers by each other and by civilians, the horrors of war, etc. As a cavalryman, he moves about frequently and rapidly. He reaches his home in Georgia as the diary ends. He "found all well and was very glad to find everything as well as it was."

The 10 letters, dated July 13, 1861-March 8, 1864 and were written to his parents from Virginia and South Carolina.

